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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports:

Week ended May 30. Bills of health issued to 9 steamships bound for ports of the United States having 495 persons in their crews and carrying 243 passengers. Two of these steamships were for United States ports, via the Spanish Main, and 2 were fumigated. The sanitary conditions of the port and island remain good, no quarantinable diseases being reported for the week.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended June 4. Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 29	Belize	Mobile	18	1	4
29	Corinto	New Orleans	29	4	15

CHILE.

Report from Valparaiso—Plague situation.

Consul Winslow reports, April 29:

The Venezuelan superior council of hygiene has sent to the minister of the interior of Venezuela a report, of which the following is a part:

The first cases of bubonic plague at Valparaiso occurred in December of last year, and from that date to April 4 there were 32 cases and 16 deaths. Three new cases have been reported since April 4.

The bacteriological investigation carried out by the microscopical and bacteriological section of the Institute of Hygiene, with material collected by the same sanitary inspector from one of the cases mentioned above, gave positive results. This proves bacteriologically the existence of a new epidemic of bubonic plague in Valparaiso.

In a single shed at the back of the lazaretto, where there are isolated more than 100 cases of tuberculosis, the persons infected with bubonic

plague are collected and attended by nurses in common with the rest of the patients. The men attacked by plague are placed in a section of the lazaretto, separated from the neighboring department by a wall with an open door, through which there is constant communication. It is the same in the women's section, where the nurses are in constant communication with the rest of the staff. There are contagious cases of plague in the hospital among patients received suffering from other diseases.

This suffices to show that there is no real prophylaxis exercised in treating the disease in Valparaiso, and that in consequence the epidemic continues to make havoc in the population. It is also sufficient, in the judgment of the superior council of public hygiene, to cause the State to take efficient measures for the safeguarding of Valparaiso and the other cities of the Republic that are menaced by plague. The council recommends the organization of a special sanitary service that will have the power in such cases to impose the police sanitary laws.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended May 30. Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 24	Esparta	Boston	44	6	0
25	Prinz Joachim	New York	132	176	2
25	Prinz Eitel Frederic	do	107	0	4
26	Pacuare	do	54	2	0
27	H. T. Inge	New Orleans	33	0	21
28	Origen	do	24	1	0
29	Zent	New York	52	9	0
30	Bluefields	New Orleans	24	1	0
30	Hispania	Mobile	20	0	0

Four bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed and 23 certificates were issued to passengers going to Colon.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—One case of leprosy—Cuban ports closed against Venezuela with exception of Mariel—Rainfall—Oiling of cisterns.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillan reports June 8:

Week ended June 6.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	2
Members of crews inspected	55

There is no quarantinable disease here.

One case of leprosy was reported within the district and transferred to San Lazaro Hospital at Santa Clara.